

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Red Snapper Recreational Harvest

The established season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as outlined in LAC 76:VII.335 is from the Saturday preceding Palm Sunday, open on weekends only, where Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and the Monday of Memorial Day and the Monday of Labor Day are defined as weekend days, through September 30 of each year. The bag and possession limit, as established in LAC 76:VII.335 is 3 red snapper per person per day. The season was modified on March 20, 2015 to be open every day of the week with a 2 red snapper bag and possession limit at the established minimum length of 16 inches until further notice. The season is hereby closed effective from 12:01 a.m. on September 8, 2015.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953, the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the Secretary of the Department by the Commission in LAC 76:VII.335.G.5 to modify the recreational red snapper seasons and possession limits in Louisiana state waters when he deems necessary, the Secretary hereby declares:

The recreational fishery for the harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters will close at 12:01 a.m. on September 8, 2015. Effective with this closure, no person shall recreationally harvest or possess red snapper whether within or without Louisiana water.

Robert Barham
Secretary